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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Sebastian Boehm *et al.*

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For: MICROFABRICATED SEPARATION DEVICE  
EMPLOYING A VIRTUAL WALL FOR  
INTERFACING FLUIDS

Examiner: J. T. Barton

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 12, 2007.

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the above-identified application:

- I. Claims 1-3, 5-24, 26-38, 46-48 and 51, drawn to separation devices having a separation medium that is excluded from a fluid interface port, classified in class 204, subclass 601.
- II. Claims 39-45, drawn to methods of injecting a liquid sample into and methods of forming a separation device having ports with a dead volume of less than one picoliter, classified in class 204, subclass 451.

Accordingly, Applicant(s) hereby elect(s) Group 1, claims 1-3, 5-24, 26-38, 46-48 and 51, without traverse, for continued examination.

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